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Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed March 31, 2008, wherein the Examiner maintained the rejection of Claim 1 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by applicant's admitted prior art.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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